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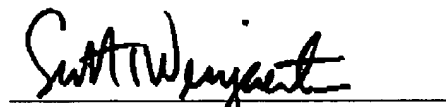
Applicant has amended claims 13, 23 and 28 of the application by removing redundant language to place the claims in better form for consideration on appeal and to focus the issues for appeal.

Applicant submits that none of the claim amendments is made in acquiescence of any objection or rejection relating to patentability. Rather, certain claims were amended purely to remove redundant language to advance the application and to facilitate appeal of the final rejection. Applicant reserve the right to file one or more continuation applications to establish the patentability of claimable subject matter that may have been removed by the claim amendments.

Applicant respectfully submits that, particularly in view of the reasoning provided in the accompanying Appeal Brief, the pending claims are directed to allowable subject matter and their allowance is accordingly respectfully urged.

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